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FINAL PLANS FOR RELIGIOUS FOCUS Week at Mississippi College, February 9-14, are being worked out by officials of the college. Seen above with President R. A. McLemore are (left to right)

Gil Barrow, Pensacola, Florida senior who is general chairman for the week; Tommy Hudson, Utica senior who is president of the Baptist Student Union; Frank Horton, Student Director; and

Ken Rainey, Gulfport senior who is president of the Student Body Association. (Photo by Red Bright)

Laymen Hear Graham, Stassen



BILLY GRAHAM OFF FOR CARIBBEAN TOUR—New York—Evangelist Billy Graham leaves here on a flight to Jamaica to start a 25-day preaching tour of the Caribbean and Central America. He will preach in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Barbados Island, Trinidad, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico. Mr. Graham's tour is his first trip to Central America. (Religious New Service Photo).

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS)—In an age of Sputniks and fantastic advances in science, the church must keep on proclaiming that "without faith there would be no science," 500 laymen of a number of Protestant denominations were told here.

Delegates to the third annual Layman's Leadership Institute at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary heard several speakers give an up-to-the-minute picture of technological advances and the efforts of the church to maintain its perspective.

Among them were evangelist Billy Graham, Harold E. Stassen and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Graham Speaks

Dr. Graham, who spoke just before leaving on an evangelistic tour of the Caribbean area, said that "science has created a frankenstein monster and it is now running to the church and saying, 'God help us.'" He added that "the only power on earth that can change a man is Jesus Christ."

Mr. Stassen, presidential assistant on disarmament and president of the International Sunday School Association, said the Russians had been able to achieve their scientific advance because they gave top priority to it 12 years ago.

Dr. Peale, minister of Marble Collegiate church, New York, defended his use of the findings of psychology in his ministry. "All I ever tried to do was state the old Christ-centered, Bible-centered message in new language," he said.

God's Glory In Science

Dr. H. Y. Mullikin, head of the physics department of Georgetown College, Ky., said "the temptation of the scientist is not to believe in anything he can't see or feel or touch. . . . Never tell me that science doesn't have faith. Without faith, there would be no science. We know God's glory is in science."

Other speakers included Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary; Dr. Elton Trueblood, Quaker philosopher; Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota; and Howard E. Butt, Jr., vice-president of the H. E. Butt Grocery Co., Corpus Christi, Texas.

HOUSTON HOMES TO BE AVAILABLE

HOUSTON (BP)—To help relieve the housing problem, some private homes will be opened to messengers attending the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention here, local Baptist leaders declared.

E. H. Westmoreland, local minister who is chairman of the Houston planning committee, said hotels no longer can offer reservations for the Convention period in May.

Council Disclaims POAU Talk

HARTFORD, Conn. (RNS)—The Connecticut Council of Churches has disclaimed any sponsorship of a talk given here by Paul Blanshard of Washington, D. C., special counsel for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Mr. Blanshard told a meeting of the Greater Hartford Chapter of POAU that the national organization would provide the chapter "moral and financial support . . . clear through to the Supreme Court" if it fought state aid for Catholic school bus transportation.

Communities in Connecticut are permitted to provide bus transportation for private school pupils under a law passed by the state legislature last year. In denying any relationship

150 Motels

He said there are about 150 motels in the Houston metropolitan area. (A number of these motels are listed in this issue of the paper or have been published previously).

A \$10 deposit is required on all motel reservations, but the deposit will be applied to the motel bill.

Those making reservations for motels or for private homes should state date and exact time of arrival and departure. Westmoreland continued.

Arrangements for staying in homes, or additional home and motel information may be secured from A. E. Harrison, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas.

With Mr. Blanshard's proposal, the Connecticut Council of Churches said Protestants and Other Americans was "composed solely of individuals."

While some Protestants uphold Mr. Blanshard's views, given at the meeting, regarding "Roman Catholic power and strategy," many others "deplore both the approach and the facts related," the council's statement said.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (RNS)—Johnson J. Hayes claimed here that the Convention does not have the authority of its colleges.

His opinion, a personal and not a statement published in a convention periodical. It was in criticism of the recent convention overruling of a decision by trustees of two convention colleges to permit on-campus dancing.

Judge Hayes

Judge Hayes, a Baptist lay leader and trustee of one of the two colleges involved, Wake Forest, said his position did not represent the official stand of his fellow-trustees but is the result of his own study of the legal aspects of the case.

While the convention is the owner of its educational institutions, both Wake Forest and Meredith, the other college involved, are incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, Judge Hayes said in the article in "Charity and Children."

Thus the convention's control over the colleges is limited to the election of its trustees, he said. Power to elect officers of the colleges, their faculties and other employees, and "to operate and manage" the colleges is vested solely in the board of trustees, he added.

Dancing Subject Exaggerated

Judge Hayes said the subject of dancing "has been exaggerated out of all proportion to other far more vital problems facing us." However, he urged the college trustees to "strive for harmony and Christian charity," and said "we should leave the issue for the present where it is."

Educational Policies To Be Studied

WASHINGTON (BP)—Plans to study religious and public educational policies from a Baptist viewpoint have been launched by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here. The Committee is composed of representatives from six national Baptist conventions, including Southern Baptists.

Other actions of the Public Affairs Committee's executive committee meeting here were to set a date for a religious liberty conference and to appoint a special committee to prepare a paper on the "Biblical Basis of Religious Liberty" to be read at the conference.

Educational Scene

C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, executive director, stated that in view of the current interest in rethinking the educational processes of America, studies on educational policies by Baptists should be of great significance. "The current educational scene in America contains a great many issues which we Baptists have not thought through together," Carlson pointed out. "Many of these issues involve church-state relations."

Growing out of previous discussions on the relation of moral and religious instruction to the public schools, a committee of five members from the Public Affairs Committee has been appointed by Eldon Koch, chairman. The committee is to be composed of Walter Pope Blass, Liberty, Mo.; Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn.; Clarence W. Cranford, Washington, D. C.; Lee Shane, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. John W. Bradbury, (Continued on Page 2)

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Dr. H. F. Paschall

Speaker, Coast Meeting

Up to 1,000 are expected to attend the annual State Evangelistic Conference to be held at First Church, Gulfport, Feb. 10-12, it has been announced by Dr. Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary, who will direct the meeting.

"Evangelism — Every Christian's Job," will be the theme of the meeting, with the theme to be featured throughout, according to Dr. Odle.

Outstanding personalities, among them several who have not spoken in Mississippi before, will mark the conference this year.

Appearing for the first time will be Dr. Vance Havner, nationally known Southern Baptist Bible teacher of Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. H. F. Paschall, pastor First Baptist Church, of Nashville, and Dr. E. J. Daniels, well-known, full-time evangelist among Southern Baptists from Orlando, Fla.

Representing the Department of the Home Mission Board will be Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, an associate, who was formerly director of evangelism for Mississippi and is well-known in the state.

State Leaders Speak

State leaders to appear on program will include Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary; Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. W. H. Hinton, president of Northwest Junior College, Booneville; Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Rev. Jeff Brantley, pastor of Forest Church, and Dr. Odle.

Those to preside over the sessions will include Rev. Dan Morton, pastor Calvary Church, of Greenwood; Rev. John R. Maddox, pastor First Church, Piquette; and Rev. D. C. Applegate, pastor First Church, Starkville.

Host pastor will be Dr. Landrum Leavell. A 3-day program, representing many phases of (Continued on Page 2)

EDUCATORS ADOPT JOINT STATEMENT

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (RNS)—Protestant and Roman Catholic educators adopted a joint statement here declaring that "church-related colleges upon which Christian higher education depends must be maintained at all costs."

The 600-word statement was called an "historic document" because it was believed to be the first time in 400 years that Protestant and Catholic educators had agreed on general policy in education.

It was adopted by the Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Association of American Colleges. The commission, comprising Protestant and Catholic educators, met in conjunction with the association's 44th annual convention.

N. C. Board Tables Apology

RALEIGH, N. C. — (BP) — by James M. Bulman, Baptist minister of East Spencer, N. C. Bulman, whose attempt to de-carolina has failed for a year, a request for an apology made (Continued on Page 2)

Miami Hospital Plans Delayed

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Plans to start construction of the first unit of a proposed two-unit Baptist hospital here in February have been delayed "four to six months," trustees reported.

They blamed the setback on the failure of Miamians to follow through with the cash they pledged in the hospital's fall drive for \$3½ million which went over the top by several thousand dollars.

An administrative director for the hospital already has been appointed and architect's drawings are almost complete.

McCrimmon Director

Steve F. McCrimmon, a Miamiian who is president of the Florida Hospital Association, resigned as director of Doctors

Hospital here to take the post with the Baptist institutions.

The firm of Sherlock, Smith, and Adams, of Montgomery, Ala., is preparing the plans.

The first unit of the hospital is to be built in suburban Kendall. It will be a 200-bed, \$3 million general hospital with a 35-bed cardiac pavilion where both research and treatment will be carried on.

Arthur Vining Davis, aluminum tycoon, donated the 55-acre tract where the Kendall unit will be located. In addition, he is giving one million dollars for the general hospital and \$500,000 for the heart pavilion.

Second Unit Later

Erection of the second unit, at the downtown site of the old Miami Country Club golf course, is not expected for at least two years. That is a 12-acre site.

Baptist churches of the area have pledged \$1,039,570 toward the hospital venture and they have been asked by the trustees to underwrite 75 per cent of their pledges through their church budget.

Doctors interested in the hospital have contributed or pledged \$265,000.

The project was started in 1956 when a committee of doctors and ministers reported that Dade County needed 2,200 more hospital beds and more outpatient facilities immediately.

Educational - - -

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New York, N. Y.

Binns, Routh

(Binns and Routh are Southern Baptists. Cranford pastors a church here affiliated both with American and Southern Baptist Conventions, and is president of the American Convention.)

This committee along with five other persons to be appointed by the original five members will constitute a steering committee to lead in seminars, workshops, and conferences to reach a meeting of minds concerning Baptists and education. Out of these studies it is hoped that by 1960 a national conference on the subject may be conducted.

Speaker - - -

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evangelism, has been prepared and every pastor and church leader has been urged to attend.

W. C. Morgan, state music secretary, will direct the music for the conference. The meeting will open at 7:00 Monday evening and close at noon Wednesday.



DR. JOE T. ODLE, state associate executive secretary, checks some of the audio-visual aids equipment used in the promotion of the work of the State Convention Board. With him is Miss Grace Lovelace, office secretary.

Associate Secretary's Office Has Three-Fold Objective

By JOE ABRAMS, Associate Editor

Stewardship, missions, evangelism—three basic areas of the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board—form the primary responsibility of the office of the Associate Executive Secretary.

Dr. Joe T. Odle has held this post since August, 1956. Miss Grace Lovelace is office secretary.

Each of these important phases of Kingdom work gets its full share of attention and each one is promoted separately and with aggressiveness.

In addition to these three particular areas of work Dr. Odle as Associate Executive Secretary works closely with Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary Treasurer and assumes certain administrative responsibilities in the absence of Dr. Quarles.

Although feeling each area of his work is important, Dr. Odle is quick to point out that "evangelism — the winning of the lost — is central in all our work."

Personal Work

His office cooperates with the Southern Convention and all other state conventions in the use of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism, the theme of which this year is "Every Baptist Committed to Soul-Winning," with special emphasis on personal soul-winning.

Next year will witness a Simultaneous Crusade with every association urged to cooperate.

A state evangelistic conference is sponsored each year and this year a clinic on evangelism is scheduled to be held in every association.

The period 1959-1964 will be the Baptist Advance in which several Baptist groups in Canada and the United States will cooperate in a gigantic evangelistic effort.

Third Jubilee

This will culminate in 1964 in the joint celebration of the Third Jubilee (150th anniversary) of the formation of the first national organization of Baptists in America — the Gen-

Associate Executive Secretary Preacher's Son, Born In Illinois

By ANNE McWILLIAMS, Editorial Assistant

One of the noblest servants of the Lord numbered among Baptists is Dr. Joe Thomas Odle. Although born in West Frankfort, Illinois he has been a leader in denominational affairs in Mississippi since coming to this state, and since August 1, 1956, has been Associate Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The son of Rev. (a Baptist preacher) and Mrs. Harry Odle, he was educated at West Frankfort High school; Union University, Tennessee; and Southern Seminary. Mississippi College conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1949.

Converted at the age of 13, Joe Odle preached his first sermon at 15 and was ordained two weeks after his 17th birthday. He has since held pastorates at Orient, Illinois; Galloway and Rossville, Tennessee; Barlow and Bandanna, Kentucky; East, Paducah, Kentucky; First, Crystal Springs, Miss. (1943-47), and Gulfport, Miss. (1947-56.)

With a "compassionate passion for souls" Dr. Odle has preached revivals in a number of states and has made evangelistic mission trips to Alaska and the Bahama Islands. He is the author of *Church Members' Handbook*, which sold 720,000 copies and been translated into two foreign languages.

Joe Odle married Mabel Riley of Kentucky (Mrs. Odle is now Director of Missionary Education at First Baptist Church, Jackson). To the couple were born two children, Joe Thomas and Sarah. Sarah is now a sophomore at Mississippi College. Joe Thomas, ministerial student at Mississippi College, died while Dr. Odle was pastor at Gulfport.

A member of the Gulfport Church said that the congregation did not expect to see Dr. Odle in the pulpit the Sunday after young Joe's death. But he was there, preaching perhaps the greatest sermon of his lifetime. Joe's being in heaven had served to bring his father closer to God's throne, making him a soul-stirring preacher.

Over six feet tall, with steel-gray hair, usually with a twinkle in his eye, Dr. Odle has a rather sober, dignified air about him. He is gentle and kind. His voice when he speaks is compelling soft, but commanding attention.

Dr. Odle "as the steward of God" is "a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate, holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught."

eral Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions.

Missions — world missions — all missions, laying the cause of missions on the hearts of the people, is a responsibility of this office.

This is done through conferences, the preparation and distribution of special missionary materials, denominational calendars, audio-visual aids and the

HOME BOARD REPAYS LOAN

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board reports that it has repaid in full a \$500,000 loan, money from which was used to finance church extension in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The loan was granted in 1952 by an Atlanta bank. The Home Mission Board, in turn loaned money to churches to aid their growth. Many of the churches could not have secured loans on their own in large enough amounts to finance necessary church building expansion.

In 1954, the Home Mission Board was authorized by the SBC Executive Committee to borrow an additional \$3 million to be used in a similar manner. Of this sum, \$675,000 has been repaid.

making of various field appearances.

A motion picture film on state missions is being prepared. The office is responsible for such items as the State Convention Annual and Book of Reports.

Tracts Prepared

Several tracts portraying the missionary program of Mississippi and Southern Baptists have been prepared.

The promotion of stewardship in general and the Cooperative Program in particular is the third phase of the ministry of this office.

"Missions waits on stewardship" is a slogan used effectively the past few years, meaning that the entire program of World Missions is maintained and undergirded by the Scriptural gifts of the people.

The office promotes stewardship of life with emphasis on stewardship of means, particularly the title as a minimum, as God's plan of growing His children and advancing His work.

Southern Baptists now have a stewardship program called the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Churches that have used the program have reported not only substantial gains in gifts but an increased sense of spirituality.

The Cooperative Program is Mississippi and Southern Baptists' plan of supporting World Missions.

The ministry of tracts is one of the important phases of the work of this office. The tract room is located in the outer office.

Tracts are available not only on the subjects of evangelism, missions and stewardship but on practically any subject desired.

Hearings Set For Tax Credit Bills

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Hearings on tax credit plans for higher education were tentatively scheduled here by the House Committee on Ways and Means.

These plans propose that an income tax deduction be allowed for tuition paid to institutions of higher learning. The proposals are for tuition paid irrespective to either public or private institutions.

Among the bills scheduled for the hearing are H. R. 765 introduced by Rep. McCarthy of Minnesota, H. R. 1064 introduced by Rep. Boggs of Louisiana, and H. R. 7002 introduced by Rep. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey.

Although there are slight variations in the bills all three present the same proposal. H. R. 765 makes this provision: "There shall be allowed to an individual, as credit against the tax imposed by this sub-title for the taxable year, an amount equal to 30 per cent of the aggregate amount paid during the taxable year by such individual to institutions of higher education as tuition or fees for the

education of such individual or of any other individual at a level above the 12th grade."

Other Bills

Other bills were introduced in the 1957 session of the 85th Congress providing that certain tuition payments be treated as charitable contributions, and thus are deductible from the income tax. Representative of these bills is H. R. 645 introduced by Congressman Ford of Michigan.

H. R. 645 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and its status is now described as "pending." It provides that "payments or secondary school conducted on a religious basis by an organized and operated for religious or educational purposes shall be treated as a contribution or gift by the taxpayer to such organization."

Spanish Seminary Has New Building

The new building for the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, Barcelona, was dedicated December 11, 1957, with 80 persons present from Baptist churches in the Barcelona area.

After the congregation read responsively a specially prepared service of dedication, Pastor Fello Simon, of Manresa, a graduate of the forerunner of the present seminary, recalled some of the trials through which the institution has passed.

He said: "Many have called the seminary which I attended the most unfortunate seminary in Spain. It was closed because of the depression in 1929 and theological work was not begun again for about 20 years.

"We may say, then, that this present seminary is the most fortunate one Spanish Baptists have known, since it has greater facilities for teaching than any we have had. We pray that it will never have to close its doors and that it may be a continual source of leaders for the Baptist churches of Spain."

LOTTIE MOON

Myra Brome, Church Clerk at Crestview Church, Petal, reports that their Lottie Moon Offering amounted to \$302.25. Rev. Bob Rooks is the pastor.



Rev. J. W. Carpenter

Lummus Retires; Pastor Called

Rev. J. W. Carpenter of Salis began his services in January as pastor of the Pleasant Ridge Church in Attala County.

Mr. Carpenter succeeds Rev. F. A. Lummus of Clinton who has retired after 18 years of faithful service as pastor at Pleasant Ridge.

Services are held at 2 o'clock on each first Sunday afternoon.



IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

With his face in his hands, Mr. A. asked between sobs, "Is life worth living?" Pausing, the large frame of his body shaking, he continued, "I can't take it any longer, I can't... I can't."

In detail he told his pastor how life had tumbled: financial trouble, domestic unhappiness, going from one job to another; and now he was thinking of taking his life.

Was Mr. A. responsible for the burdens which life had placed on him? Not to hear him tell it. Always he had been the unhappy, helpless victim. Self-pity had taken hold and led him into almost total surrender to wretched despair. With a big question mark he asked, "Is life worth living?"

Several visits to Mr. A.'s home gave the pastor another view of his situation. For years strong-drink and bad temper had been his constant companions. He would not admit that anger and drunkenness were responsible for his ruin.

In contrast to the sinful and complaining Mr. A. was Mr. B. of the same town. Fifty years old and unemployed, he was in great distress. He had lost a leg, and a year later was again in a hospital waiting

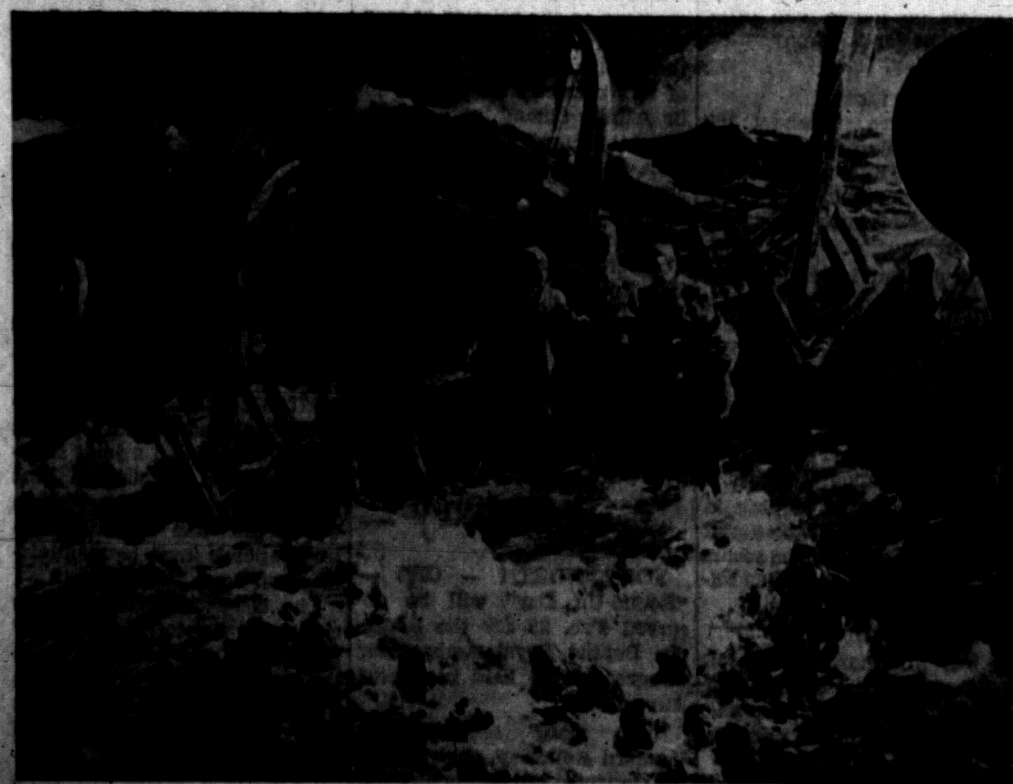
hoping, and praying that he would not lose his other limb. He had a family, and was out of funds, but he did not think of saying, "I can't take it any longer." Instead, he said: "The loss of my leg has taught me a lot. I have had more time to read the Bible, to pray, and to think. My whole viewpoint has changed. My loss has not been all loss."

Paul, the great apostle, had what he called a thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7), which caused him great suffering. Earnestly he prayed for its removal. God did not take it away, but said to him, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

He found comfort, joy and peace in the grace which God gave, and did some of his greatest service in the midst of affliction.

Let us return to the question with which we began, "Is life worth living?" The Christian finds the answer in Christ. His grace is sufficient. He will always be our victory. "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

Are you in spiritual trouble? Why not let a Baptist pastor help you find the way out?



HEROIC FOUR CHAPLAINS REMEMBERED—This painting depicts the sacrifice of the four Army chaplains who went down with the transport *Dorchester* in the North Atlantic after giving their life belts to servicemen. The ship was torpedoed Feb. 3, 1943 during World War II. The four chaplains commemorated are the Rev. George Fox of Gilman, Vt., Protestant; the Rev. Clark Pilling of Schenectady, N. Y., Protestant; the Rev. John P. Washington of Newark, N. J., Roman Catholic; and Rabbi Alexander Goode of York, Pa.—The painting is a work of Dudley Summers. It is displayed at the national headquarters of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in New York. (Religious News Service Photo).



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Y. W. A. Circles gave a total of \$1,403.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Seen above collecting the last of the offering boxes which were distributed to the members of the fourteen circles are Mrs. Silas Cooper, Y. W. A. Counselor, Thelma Crick, Indianola, Y. W. A. President, and Jannelle Landrum, Clinton, Y. W. A. Missions Chairman. This project is one of several mission projects sponsored during the year by the campus Baptist Student Union of which the Y. W. A. is a vital part.—(Photo by Red Bright).

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN



Dr. Kathleen Jones

YWA HOUSEPARTY

Representatives from three mission areas will be featured speakers at the YWA Houseparty at Carey College, Hattiesburg, February 14-16. Dr. Kathleen Jones, our missionary in Indonesia, who was graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Medical College, will deliver the missionary address on Saturday evening.

Miss Edythe Montroy, a native of Drew, Miss., and our missionary in Nigeria, will be speaking Friday evening. Featured on Saturday morning will be Rev. Victor Kaneubbe, who is our Mome Mission Board representative among the Choctaws in Philadelphia.



PRAYER REQUEST FROM CUBA

Hubert O. Hurt, a Mississippi missionary to Cuba, sends these urgent prayer requests — let's join him in praying!

1. Pray with us that our West Indian church, which is an English-speaking church may have room for expansion soon. Our tiny building there is crowded to overflowing during Sunday School with no room for expansion — not even a yard or shade tree. We have the opportunity now of buying the house next door if we can find \$6500. We pray that this may not be a lost opportunity. The members are very poor but are giving sacrificially in the hope of one day have a real church building.

2. We have had work with the Americans in Cuba for some years but they have had no church building. It is our prayer that a building be begun the first part of this new year to meet this need. There are about six thousand Americans in that section. Land has been bought

Leonard Hill Accepts Baptist Program Work

NASHVILLE, (BP) — Leonard Hill, working toward a doctor of theology degree at Southwestern Seminary, has accepted a position as production editor of the Baptist Program here starting Feb. 1.

Albert McClellan, Nashville, associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and editor of the magazine, announced Hill's appointment.

The Baptist Program is published by the Executive Committee. It is a magazine for denominational leaders, reaching more than 30,000 pastors, missionaries, and other workers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Leonard Hill attended Oklahoma Baptist University and studied religious journalism. He graduated in 1951. While in OBU he served as sports editor of the OBU Bison, weekly college newspaper, and participated in track.

He then entered Southwestern Seminary. For three years while a student at the seminary, Hill pastored Liberty Baptist Church, Comanche, Okla. He was editorial assistant for one year at All-Church Press, Fort Worth, an independent company printing church newspapers.

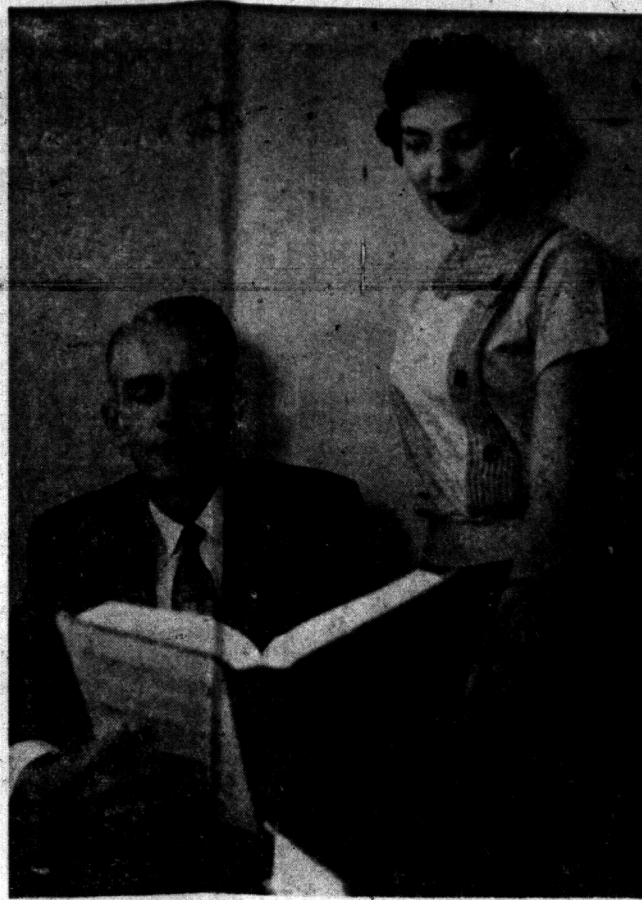
Hill was interim editorial assistant on the Baptist Standard, weekly Texas Baptist newspaper, while the regular assistant was on leave. He has contributed material to the Baptist Program and to Baptist Training Union quarterlies.

Missions In Israel

WASHINGTON — The Counselor on Christian Affairs for the nation of Israel has said that Israel will not restrict the admittance or work of Christian missionaries in that country. Chaim Vardi said there are now about 400 Christian missionaries in Israel. 200 of them are engaged in evangelism and the rest are in social or medical work.

SAN MATEO, California — The San Mateo Planning Commission denied a church group permission to use a home in a residential area for church services. By a 3-2 vote the commission agreed with residents of the area that the use of the home for religious services would cause "disadvantages" to other residents. The permit had been asked by the Calvary Baptist church to use a residence for church services and Sunday school.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Enrollment in independent theological seminaries and religious training colleges increased only one per cent this year, as compared with an overall enrollment increase of 4.1 per cent in all institutions of higher learning. The seminaries have 29,284 men (an increase of 463) and 6,270 women (a decrease of 99).



STATE CHAIRMAN INSPECTS FIRST COPY.—Rev. Joe Abrams, Associate Editor of the Baptist Record and chairman of the three-member Mississippi Editorial Committee of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, looks over one of the first sets received in the state. Miss Pat Tullos, office secretary, helps to find one of the many references to Mississippi Baptist life and work.



BROTHERHOOD CHORUS AT FIRST CHURCH, TUPELO.—The newly organized Brotherhood chorus of the First Church, Tupelo, is pictured above. Standing in front of the choir are Truitt Roberts, minister of music, and Rev. Joseph N. Causey, pastor. Singers are, front row, left to right: George McGreger, Gordon Roatan, Willie Gilpin, Arch Shumpert, Jim Couch, Ed Collins, Roy Robertson, L. W. Wilbanks, Carl Estes, Jack Powers, Jerry Hayes and Bobby Parker. Back row, Robert Monaghan, Walter

Smith, Jim Pettigrew, Harold Bailey, W. C. Rea, R. N. Pearce, Marshall Stafford, Johnnie Price, Charlie Martin, G. G. McGreger, W. A. Breedlove, and Van Malley. On the first occasion the men sing for a worship service, Sunday night, January 19, the pastor reported the largest attendance of any night service during the three months as pastor. Gus London is president of the Men's Brotherhood.

Sunday School Department

E. C. Williams, Secretary
Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary
Mrs. Judson Irwin, Office Secretary
Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Office Secretary



MRS. MAYNARD HADLEY
Our Mississippi Primary Sunday school workers have a real treat in store for them in the coming of Mrs. Maynard Hadley, of Oklahoma City, to direct the Primary conferences in the three Sunday school conventions, March 11-13.

This fine leader is an Approved Primary worker in Oklahoma and has also served in other states in conventions, clinics and assemblies.

We urge our Primary leaders to be sure and save this date to attend one of the conventions, which will be in the First Baptist Church of Columbus on Tuesday, March 11, the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko on Wednesday, March 12, and the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs on Thursday, March 13. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions each day. Attend the one that is the most convenient.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

January 13-15, in the Jackson First Baptist Church, we had our 1958 Vacation Bible school clinic.

We have had these Clinics for many years, but the one this year was about the best we have ever had, so said some who have attended them regularly.

One of the very fine parts of it was that those attending are associational leaders. The purpose of these state clinics is to

help the associational leaders in their work of having clinics in the associations for the workers of the churches.

The enrolment was 120, and they stayed with us to the final session, and through it. Mr. Crawford Howell, of the Vacation Bible school division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was with us and did an outstanding job in his parts of the program. We are most grateful to him for coming and helping us in such a good way.

COMING SOON!!!!

What is coming soon?
This: Another series of Child Development Conferences for those who work with children under eight years of age.

The date is April 13-18. Watch this column for plans, places, etc.

THE MOBILE CLINIC

March 25-30, in the Toulminville Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama, there will be a regional Sunday school clinic.

If you would like to attend, write us for application blank. This is an excellent opportunity for Mississippi Sunday school leaders, and especially those in the southeastern part of the state.

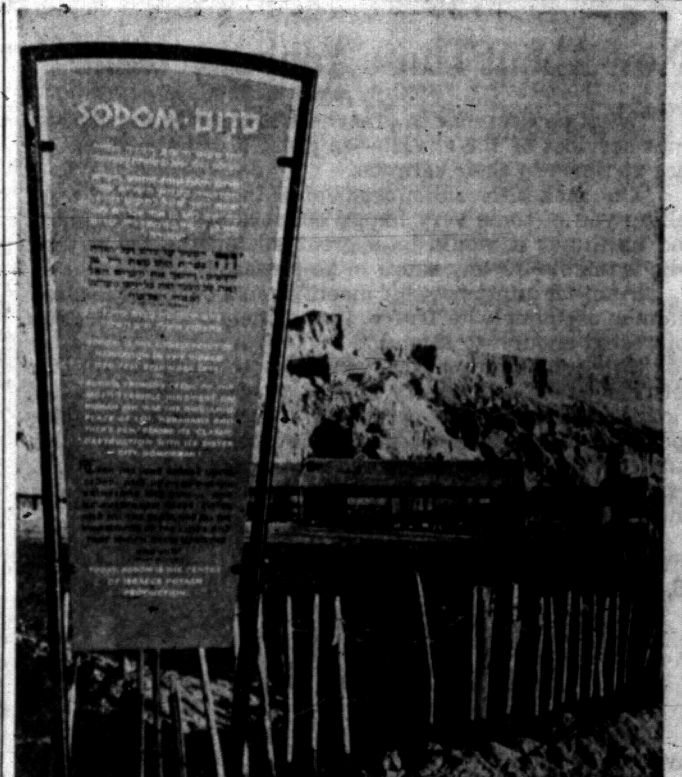
STANDARD TIME AGAIN

If you have not already done so, send us your application for standard recognition. This is for schools, departments, classes, and groups.

The earlier you do this the longer in the year will the people have the encouragement that comes from having attained this good mark.

Check up and see where you stand; if you are short on any points, give a little extra attention to them and get them up to requirement as soon as possible and then fill out the application blank and mail to us so we can get your award. Blanks will be gladly sent on request.

Remember: Standard Units Are Better.



SODOM—Travelers visiting Sodom in Israel will not only see the salt pillar, said to represent Lot's wife, but will learn the history of this city by reading the huge Hebrew and English signpost recently placed there. The sign features a quotation from the Bible describing the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. It tells of Sodom's significance as the lowest point of habitation in the world, and its current role as a potash-producing center. 300 such signposts, in Hebrew and English, are being set up throughout the Land of the Bible, to mark Biblical and historic sites.—(Israel Gov't. Photo).

CIRCULATING With The Associate Editor

SEVEN NEW CHURCHES

The circulator is glad to report that seven new churches have adopted the Every-Family Plan of the Baptist Record since his last report.

Five of these came in through the Two-Month Free-Trial Offer of the Baptist Record.

Churches continue to accept the Free-Trial Offer.

If your church is not in the Every-Family Plan and would like to accept the Free-Trial Offer, contact your associational superintendent of missions or write directly to the Baptist

Record, Box 530, Jackson 5, Mississippi.

New Churches

The seven new churches in the Every-Family Plan are: Beat Line Church, Newton Association. Rev. Clifton Gibbs, pastor. 20 names.

White Oak Church, Panola Association. Rev. Ray Woodall, pastor. 11 names.

Fair Ridge Church, Jasper Association. Rev. Evon Ingram, pastor. 24 names.

Dry Creek Church, Winston Association. Rev. L. J. Fairchild, pastor. 26 names.

Emmanuel Church, Jackson Association. Rev. Bob Storie, pastor. 5 names.

Pine Grove Church, Yalobusha Association. Rev. E. L. Salley, pastor. 8 names.

Dividing Ridge Church, Yalobusha Association. Rev. E. L. Salley, pastor. 9 names.

Don't Add To The Burdens Of The Missionaries

Without realizing that they are doing so, some churches and associations are mistreating missionaries who are home on furlough.

Much too often these dedicated servants of our Lord are invited to speak before some group, then after traveling considerable distance to meet the appointment, they are thoughtlessly left to pay their travel expense from their own meager income.

We are convinced that such uncharitable behavior on the part of our people is entirely unintentional and springs from a lack of understanding of the missionary's circumstances.

A furlough for the missionary and his family is a time of physical, mental, and spiritual restoration. The Foreign Mission Board regularly brings its personnel home to the States for periods of rest and recuperation. The number of years between these furloughs depends on the rigors and hardships they must live with in the country to which they are assigned.

While the Board encourages them to do a reasonable amount of deputation work during this twelve month furlough, they are urged to rest and regain their strength for their next term of service abroad. Their enthusiasm and fervor for missions is such, however, that they take every opportunity to present the challenge of winning the lost to Christ.

Invariably we have found them during furlough time ready to go where they are invited to go. Barring conflicts in schedule and physical sickness, they are deterred by neither snow, rain, heat, nor gloom of night. They gladly relate their experiences with the gospel before large or small crowds. Never a word will you hear of any personal sacrifices they may make to meet these appointments.

Many of the good people of our state are under the impression that all such travel expense of the missionaries is paid by the Foreign Mission Board. It is not! No expense accounts are provided by the Board for any deputation work they do.

When they are invited to speak in the churches, at camps, associational meetings, or conventions it is expected that the host body will provide for their expenses.

In most instances, we are glad to report, not only the expenses are paid but an appropriate honorarium is given. Surely none of the Lord's workers deserve more consideration at this point than these missionaries.

Their salaries are small. The basic salary of the missionary is \$1,400—\$2,800 for a couple. Even after a rental allowance or housing is furnished, along with other smaller provisions, they must live frugally and simply.

We believe enough in the goodness of our Baptist people to assert that, once these facts are known, not one of our churches, camps, conventions, or gatherings of any sort will ever be guilty of imposing added burdens to these valiant soldiers of the cross.

Now About Those Announcements!

"What a difference in preachers in announcing the various services of the church—as great a difference as one sees at times in their sermons.

"One makes the announcement as though a friend were telling you of some very happy event about to take place, and he thinks it would be a great misfortune for anyone who is unable for any cause to be present.

"Another announces his meetings in a cold perfunctory manner as though he feared that someone might become interested enough to attend.

"One will talk about a coming meeting to us until he gets the whole community in a glow of expectation when a visitor is coming to occupy the pulpit, while another apologizes to the visitor because the attendance is so small, but does not always give the reason—which may be nothing less than the fact that the preacher failed to let the people know about the meeting.

These timeless and timely observations were made fifty years ago in *The Southwest Baptist* issue of September 16, 1908.

The Valley of Decision

Senator Irving M. lives in *This Week* magazine tells of an experience in his youth that shaped all of his subsequent years:

"Often during my boyhood I heard these words repeated by my grandfather, a clergyman: 'Always remember your first obligation is to your conscience.'

"His words still make good sense. Who among us is not from time to time driven to make a decision between conflicting demands? All of us are too often tempted to compromise on the easy, pleasant course. By doing one thing, we sidestep embarrassment. By doing another, we gain immediate applause. By doing a third, we quiet the loudest voices. How can we determine the right thing to do?"

"My grandfather's answer was always the same: 'If you have to make a difficult decision, ask yourself how your conscience will react to it tomorrow, the next day and the next year. If you have any qualms, then that decision is wrong. Change it.'

"For more than 50 years I have found my grandfather's counsel not always the easiest advice to follow but, once having followed it, I have found it the best possible medicine for peace of mind."

Someone had said that a committee is a group of unqualified people who have been appointed by the uninterested to do the unnecessary.—Early Kelly, Holly Springs.

"The difference between intelligence and education is that intelligence will make you a good living.—Charles F. Kettering.

A crossless life means a crownless death.—John E. Southard.

The trouble with spasmodic giving is that people do not have spasms as often as they ought.—T. B. Gambrell.



The Baptist Forum

Look Up

In one of my devotional readings a day or two ago I read a little story that carries in it what seems to me a very fruitful suggestion for our daily living.

A young man had just begun his work on a ship when his superior officer had him climb a pole that extended much higher than the boy was accustomed to climb. The officer looked up and saw that the boy was very much disturbed by looking down at the waves rolling in and called to him and said, "Young man, look up at the sky."

The boy did so and soon lost all consciousness of fear. His trembling ceased, his face lost its pallor, and he went on with his work in comfort and assurance. Who is there amongst us that does not get a valuable suggestion for living from this story? The great Apostle Paul makes the same suggestion in Colossians 3:1-2. If one will read verses 1-17 of this chapter from Paul he will find much that is helpful for his daily routine. Shall we not all try it?

W. R. Collom
Wake Forest, N. C.

New Names

May I congratulate you on your work in making the Record (with its new face and body) the great paper that it is? We'll soon have new names to add to our Every Family Plan list.

Joe A. Mayer, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Lambert

Local Option

Please accept our compliments of your editorial of Jan. the 24th on the liquor question. It reminded us of old times, when folks used to "speak up in the meetin'" against WHISKEY. We have been silent so long, the Liquorites feel that, silence gives consent. We don't want to take up too much of your time, but we would like to take our beloved Capitol City, Jackson, to prove false, every claim the Liquorites can offer for their existence.

Do you remember when every respectable home in Jackson had a fence around it, and if little Johnny left the gate open he was liable to get a thrashing; and only the SLUMS had open range? Have you driven around Jackson recently in the springtime, and viewed the beautiful, spacious, sodded lawns, with their lovely Azaleas, and other shrubbery, and not a cow in sight? Jackson knew, at the beginning, that, to attain this civic improvement, she could not do it under "Local Option," so she passed a Citywide stock law.

Do you remember when Jackson was fourth in size, as to population of the larger cities in Mississippi; had 25 saloons, and bootleggers legion; when a lady was not supposed to be seen on the streets at night, or on Saturday evenings, without an escort?

Do you remember how the Liquorites contended that, to close the saloons meant the closing of the public schools for lack of revenue, and the loss of the re-

ral trade? Now see—Jackson, by far the largest city in the state, with as good a system of public schools, white and colored, as can be found ANYWHERE.

We are waiting for someone to sight us to one single instance where the Liquorites have initiated, built, and paid for, such improvements as mentioned above.

J. P. Tull,
834 Carlisle, Jackson.

Herrin Bill

Rep. Ralph Herrin of Covington County is on the right track with a bill he has introduced in the House. His proposal would provide a mandatory prison sentence for all persons convicted twice or more on a charge of drunken driving on our public highways. The penalty for second offenders would be six months to two years in the State Penitentiary. First offenders would be fined \$100 to \$500, or 10 to 30 days in jail, or both fine and jail term.

Rep. Herrin has also introduced a bill to repeal the "Black Market Tax" on whiskey. He says ill-gotten gain will not gain us anything, and that whiskey is ruining more people faster than any disease in this world. Herrin is a strong "dry" and will fight any attempt to legalize whiskey in any form in Mississippi.

Rep. Herrin is not only a good law maker, but he is an outstanding Baptist layman. He is a deacon in the Salem Baptist Church, Collins, Miss., president for past nine years of the Covington County Baptist Brotherhood, Supt. of Adult department, and is in great demand as a speaker in churches and civic clubs.

John A. Hathaway,
New Hope Church
(Covington).

Senator at Worship

In reading the January 16 copy of the Baptist Record, I have just noticed the photograph appearing on page 5, which you were kind enough to print.



JESUS HEALS THE WOMAN.—"If I only touch His garment, I shall be made well. Jesus turned and seeing her He said, 'Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well.'" (Matt. 9:21-22 RSV).—(Religious News Service Photo).

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. ROYD, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

Pastor R. M. Boone of Indianola, tells of a great revival in their community during which Evangelist Otto Bamber was the preacher, especially was the effects of the meeting fruitful among the men of the church, quite a number of whom having been out of duty for years "came back and renewed their covenant with the Lord." There were 75 additions to all the churches. Forty-eight of these joined the Baptist, 33 of them by baptism.

A Junior B. Y. P. U. was recently organized in the Natchez First Church of young persons under seventeen years of age. All above that age were eligible to be members of Senior Union, even up to age of seventy or older.

40 YEARS AGO

The ladies of the Clinton Baptist Church recently divided the membership of their W. M. U. into circles, and named one the "Harris Circle" in honor of the Pastor and Mrs. Hendon M. Harris, Mrs. Herd Steele, reporting.

25 YEARS AGO

Two questions propounded to Editor Lipsey: 1) Do angels sing? 2) Do angels weep? The answer: The Bible teaches that angels, sit, run, walk, talk, minister, rejoice, teach, lead, and fly. But nowhere does the Scriptures say that angels sing or weep.

Deacon C. E. Emerson, member of the Hernando Baptist Church, has been a subscriber of the Baptist Record for fifty years and could not get along without it.

The newly organized Center Terrace Church, Canton, Madison County, had representatives from their B. Y. P. U. for the first time at the Madison County B. Y. P. U. Association on Sunday, January 15. The Efficiency Banner was awarded to Madison Seniors and the Attendance Banner was awarded to the Camden Seniors.

Rev. J. W. Lee of Batesville writes to refute Dorothy Dix's statement in a Memphis paper which declared that "A College Degree Reduces Woman's Marriage Value."

I want to express to you my sincere gratitude for your courtesy in carrying this picture in your newspaper. This particular group has always worked together very closely, and we have regular meetings in Washington while the Congress is in session. I hope I shall have the opportunity to see you when I am next in Mississippi.

John Stennis
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

New Face

I am writing you just a note to tell you I like the new face you have given to your paper. It is very attractive and the pictures are turning out excellent. I always read the paper every week and follow with interest your editorials.

Vernon O. Elmore
Pastor, Baptist Temple
San Antonio, Texas

MOB DIPS DOGS IN RIDICULING BAPTIST STAND ON IMMERSION

PEPPERELL, Mass., June 26, 1776 (BP)—Because of abuse, threats, and ridicule from a mob led by town authorities, Baptists had to make three separate attempts here today before they were able to baptize six converts.

During the second attempt at baptism a law enforcement officer told the Baptist preachers conducting the service to leave town "for their own safety." The candidates for baptism probably never would have received the ordinance if the group had not been successful in eluding their persecutors.

Dogs Dipped

The Baptists met in a field near a river for worship and the baptismal service, but during worship the mob arrived and broke up the meeting. In ridiculing the Baptist stand on baptism, a dog was taken into the river by the mob and dipped, to the accompaniment of uproarious laughter.

A resident of Pepperell then invited the ministers and congregation to his house where the baptismal service could be conducted in a nearby river. But the mob followed and this time two dogs were dipped and members of the mob dipped each other in derision of the Baptist doctrine.

Ministers Warned

It was here that an officer warned the ministers to leave town. When they asked if their lives would be in danger if they remained, the Baptists received no answer.

After this second meeting was dispersed, the group secretly agreed to go to a third location. This time they escaped the mob momentarily and the six candidates received the ordinance. Shortly after the ceremony the agitators arrived, however and subjected the Baptists to further abuse and ridicule.

Not even the war with England has halted persecution of Baptists by Massachusetts authorities. Because of their opposition to the state church and their bold fight for religious liberty, Baptists have faced bitter opposition in New England. They have proved by their support of their country's cause that they are as ardently devoted to civil liberty as they are to

Western Revivals

Greetings from the Feather River country! The Lord is blessing. I will be out here for nine weeks of revivals. Real Pentecostal power last week in Reno.

Tommy Fant
Quincy, California

Belated

Some of the confusion of final examinations, spring graduation and registration for classes has cleared away, so that I can now send you a belated letter of congratulations on the "new look" of the Record.

I look forward to getting the paper each week; you are doing a good job covering Mississippi news as well as news of general interest around the Convention.

David K. Morris, Director
News and Information
Southwestern Seminary
Fort Worth, Texas.

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
Author of the book, FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY, which you may purchase at your Baptist Book Store.

EXACTING PEOPLE

QUESTION: A dedicated, born-again woman, who is known as the perfectionist type, is an irritant to her family and friends because of her exacting ways. She, I believe sincerely, holds that "the little foxes spoil the vines" and that no trifle is insignificant if one is trying to be and achieve his maximum for the Lord.

Can you explain any of the psychological background of the perfectionist type? Second, can the hard-headed I'm-sure-I'm-right Christian personality be helped?

ANSWER: In answer to your last question, the whole Epistle to the Romans was written to help such people. There is a real question whether the perfectionistic person is a Christian personality. They make themselves and everybody around them miserable. Sure, they mean well. So did the people who killed Jesus. And they belonged to the same family as the I'm-sure-I'm-right people.

So far as explaining them is concerned, is this a Christian approach? Is it not a fad in our day to try to explain everybody? This is called "psychologizing." If you really want to understand such people read Karen Horney's *Neurosis and Human Growth*. Or my little book called *Growing a Christian Personality* has two chapters on "conscience" which might be of some help.

The better approach to such people is to accept them. They suffer intensely. Really they are to be pitied. Their real God is a tyrant and they serve Him out of fear rather than out of love. Be kind to them, but do not let them impose their pattern on you.

(Address letters to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Calendar of Prayer

February 3 — Carl Dunaway, Sharkey — Issaquena Association Training Union Director; Jodie Coward, Madison Association Brotherhood President.

February 4 — Earl Warford, Alcorn Association Superintendent of Missions; Mrs. Cleo Byrd, Lebanon Association W. M. U. President.

February 5 — Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Mississippi College faculty; Dr. Moselle Ashford, Blue Mountain College faculty.

February 6 — John T. Carter, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. Harvey M. Craft, Jr., William Carey College faculty.

February 7 — Arthur Nelson, Baptist Building; Altie Grubb, Hinds County Missions.

February 8 — Jewel Hannah, B. S. U. Director, William Carey College; Charles A. Ray, B. S. U. Director, Sunflower Junior College.

February 9 — Mrs. Helen Anderson, Pearl River Association W. M. U. Pres.; O. B. Kerr, Marshall Association Brotherhood President.

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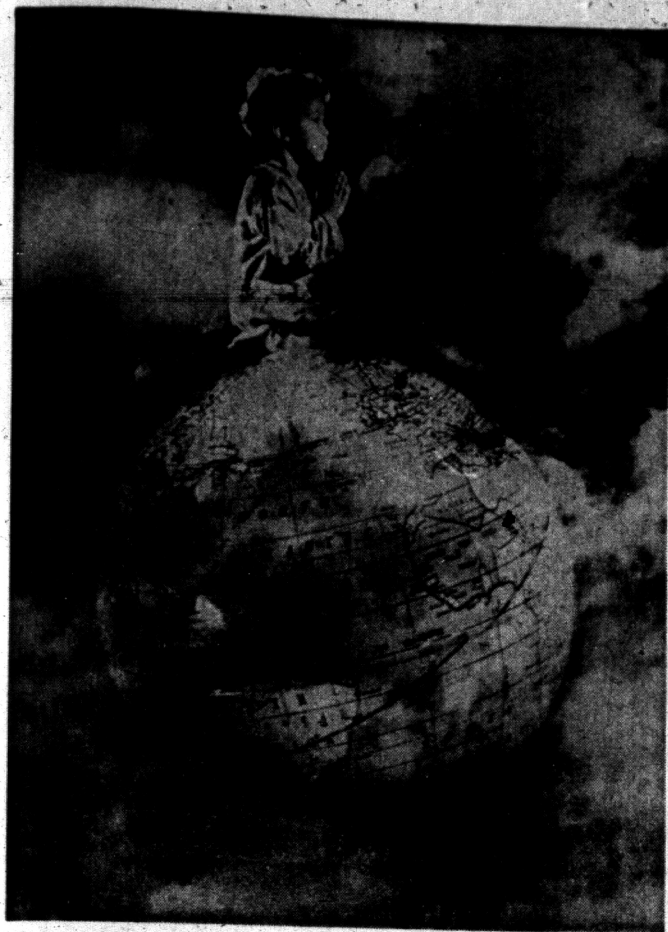
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"NOW I LAY ME down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep..."—The New England Primer—(RNS Photo).

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INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL

PURPOSE
Paul speaks of the Word of God as, "the sword of the Spirit" in Ephesians 6:17. This expression accounts for the naming of the Sword Drill. The Sword Drill is an exercise in handling the Bible. Its purpose is to help Intermediates develop skill in handling the Word of God. Every Intermediate should be led to participate in the Sword Drill regularly.

The purpose of the Intermediate Sword Drill has been defeated if in any church one person is selected and especially trained for participation in drills outside the church. It is expected that each Department Director and each Leader and Sponsor will consistently emphasize the Sword Drill as a regular part of Intermediate Union work.

Participants in the Southern Baptist Intermediate Drills will be expected to read the Scripture verses clearly and intelligently before a large assembly in the main auditorium. In every Sword Drill in the local union, the leader, by encouraging the Intermediates to read clearly and distinctly, will place proper emphasis on the value of the "spoken word."

PROMOTING THE SWORD DRILL

1. Know the Sword Drill procedure thoroughly. See the INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP MANUAL by Elaine Coleman Pearson, pages 123-126. Please note that the "salute" has been deleted from the pages.

2. Explain to the union the purpose of the Sword Drill, the meaning of the five types of drills, and where the material for the Sword Drill may be found (BAPTIST INTERMEDIATE UNION QUARTERLY I and BAPTIST INTERMEDIATE UNION QUARTERLY II).

3. Make sure all Intermediates know the books of the Bible. 4. Since there are six verses per month in either the Unfinished Quotation drills, Character drills, or Doctrinal drills, encourage each Daily Bible Reader's Leader to lead his union to learn:

- (1) the first and second verses the first Sunday night in the month;
- (2) the third and fourth verses the second Sunday night;
- (3) the fifth and sixth verses the third Sunday night; and
- (4) then have a Sword Drill on all six verses the fourth Sunday night.

When there is a fifth Sunday, have a Sword Drill over the previous three months' drills. Every member should take part in these drills.

5. The material for the 1957-58 Sword Drill begins with the first Sunday in July, 1957, and closes with the last Sunday in June, 1958.

6. As time for the Church Drill approaches, it would be wise to have additional drills. Some suggested times are: before Training Union begins, during the Sunday School Officers' and Teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening, after school or on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

PARTICIPANTS

Only Intermediates who are (1) enrolled in an Intermediate Union; (2) who are members of a Baptist church; and (3) whose age shall reach thirteen years by April 1, and whose seventeenth birthday shall not come before April 1 of the year in which the drill is conducted, are eligible.

NEW STATE PROMOTION PLAN

All Intermediates in all unions are eligible to participate in the Sword Drill and become a state winner if they reach a certain standard. These new plans will be found in the Intermediate Sword Drill tract which may be secured from the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson.

FORMER STATE WINNERS

- 1953 Gerald Buckley, Hattiesburg—Glorieta Assembly
Annette Johnson, Philadelphia—Ridgecrest Assembly
1954 Larry Grantham, Hattiesburg—Ridgecrest Assembly
1955 Marianne Stuart, Meridian—Glorieta Assembly
Williamita Payne, Philadelphia—Ridgecrest Assembly
1956 Bobbye Lew Fraser, Meridian—Ridgecrest Assembly
1957 Rufus Cofer, Oxford—Glorieta Assembly
Sandra Price, Tupelo—Ridgecrest Assembly.



Rev. James Fairchild

CONCLUDES MINISTRY AT LOUISVILLE

Rev. James H. Fairchild this week concludes his ministry with the First Baptist Church of Louisville, and he and his family will move to Arkansas where

March 24 — Tate St., Corinth Springs.
March 25 — First, Holly Springs.

March 27 — Tutwiler
March 28 — North, Greenwood

March 10 — Choctaw Music Festival — Bethany Baptist Church.

Choose the festival nearest you, or in case of conflict go to the festival of your choice. If you have a conflict at night, come in the afternoon at 5:30 for your audition. This will qualify you for the State Festival listed below.

THREE STATE FESTIVAL
Northern — Tuesday, April 22, First Baptist Church, Grenada.

Southern — Thursday, April 24, Main St. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

Central — Friday, April 25, Baptist Church, Jackson.

he will become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs.

Notable progress has been experienced by the Louisville Church during the eight years of Reverend Fairchild's ministry. There have been 800 additions to the church and in 1956 it was one of the twelve leading churches in the state in baptisms. Six young men have been licensed to the Gospel Ministry and scores of young people have dedicated their lives to Christ. The financial strength of the church has grown from a \$43,000.00 budget in 1949 to a \$90,000.00 budget in 1958.

One of the outstanding achievements of the Louisville Church during the pastorate of Rev. Fairchild was the building of the new auditorium. Distinguished by unusual beauty and appropriate appointments, the new building was completed four years ago at a cost of \$340,000.00. The building, of colonial design and air-conditioned throughout, has been acclaimed one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the South. Additional church property has been acquired and developed into playground and parking facilities.

Rev. Fairchild has served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, a member of the Board's Executive Committee, and on other important committees within the state. In 1953 he attended the Baptist World Alliance in London and traveled extensively in Europe. In 1957 he participated in the Mississippi Baptist Preaching Mission to South America.

The First Baptist Church in Hot Springs, to which Rev. and Mrs. Fairchild and family will go, anticipates moving from its present downtown location, and building a new church plant as soon as the building plans are developed. The church has the distinction of having been host three times to the Southern Baptist Convention.



FORTY-FIRST AVENUE, MERIDIAN BUYS PROPERTY—History is being made by Forty-first Avenue Baptist officials as they present a check for the purchase of the property on 40th Av. between 7th and 8th streets on which a new building will be erected. First row, left to right, Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor; Mrs. Adolphus Gay, owner of the property, Miss Opal Winstead of the church who presented the check for the purchase and George Ethridge, attorney. Back row, W. S. Winstead, chairman of the church building committee and Wallace Merrill, moderator. Forty-first Avenue was the second Baptist church organized in Meridian. At a congregational meeting later in March, the name will probably be changed to suit the new location, announces Mr. Seal. —(Photo by Curt Robinson).

MRS. DOTSON DIES

Mrs. Clyde J. Dotson, 35, Southern Baptist missionary, died in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, January 24, following a brief illness. The former Ebbie Kilgo, native of Cullman County, Alabama, she and Mr. Dotson were married last May while he was in the States on furlough.

Mr. Dotson has been a missionary in Southern Rhodesia since 1930 and has served under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since 1950. Mrs. Dotson was appointed for mission service in July, 1957, and accompanied her husband when he returned to Southern Rhodesia in September. Mr. Dotson's address is: P. O. Box 154, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia.

Twin YWA Houseparties Scheduled

Twin state Young Woman's Auxiliary Houseparties have been scheduled for successive week-ends, it has been announced by Miss Marjean Patterson, state YWA director, who will direct the two events:

The one for north Mississippi will be held Feb. 7-9 while the party for south Mississippi has been scheduled for Feb. 14-16.

"By Love Compelled" will be the theme for each meeting. The programs will be practically identical with the program personnel varying some for each party.

Speaking at both meetings will be Miss Billie Pate, program associate, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, and Rev. Victor Kaneubbe, from Philadelphia,

missionary to Choctaw Indians. Speaking at Blue Mountain only will be Mrs. C. W. Whitten, missionary to Spain; Mrs. M. H. Hicks, missionary to Chile; Mrs. R. C. McGlammery, missionary to Colombia; and Dr. R. H. Elliott, assistant professor of Old Testament, Louisville Seminary.

Robbins To Speak

Speakers at William Carey only will include Dr. Kathleen Jones, missionary to Java; Miss Edythe Montroy, missionary to Nigeria; and Dr. R. F. Robbins, professor of New Testament, New Orleans Seminary.

Assisting will be Miss Edwina Robinson, WMU executive secretary, and Miss Willa Dean Freeman, GA director.

Each Houseparty will begin at 6:15 Friday evening and adjourn after Noon lunch Sunday. Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 4:00 with supper set for 5:30.

Highlights will include the presentation of awards for achievement Saturday morning, the election of officers Saturday afternoon and the banquet Saturday evening.

Group to Study Counselling

NASHVILLE (BP)—A three-member committee has been named by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee to study the training program offered ministers in pastoral counselling.

Executive Committee Chairman H. G. Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla., appointed Harold W. Seever, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, as chairman. Other members are Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ashokie, N. C., and A. Judson Burrell, pastor, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga.

Richard Young, director of a pastoral counselling program at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, requested such a study.

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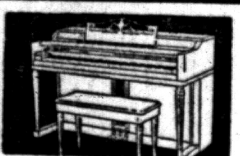
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FESTIVAL SEASON IS HERE

Mississippi's first Carol Choir festival will be held at Mississippi College on February 8. This festival includes boys and girls, ages 9-12, inclusive. Up to date the registration for the festival has reached 766. The enrollment is rapidly approaching the 1,000 mark. Further information regarding the Carol Choir festival can be secured from the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson. Send in your registration as soon as possible.

Below you will find a schedule of dates and places of the Regional Festivals. The regional festivals include every church and every choir in the State. The goal this year is set at 6,000. Why not make this a year to enroll your choir or choirs, in the festival.

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FIRST RA REGISTRANT—First to register for the Second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress next August is John Scates, left, of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. John is Oklahoma state ambassador-in-chief, holds the rank of Ambassador, and is associate counsellor of a junior RA chapter in Trinity Church. With John is Bob Banks, Oklahoma City, state RA secretary for Oklahoma. The Congress meets in Fort Worth Aug. 12-14 and total attendance goal is 8,858.

Tokyo Church Is Organized

The Tokyo Baptist Church was organized January 5 for English-speaking people in Japan. Now made up mainly of military personnel, the church hopes to enlist the civilian population to ensure stability during troop shifts. There are an estimated ten thousand civilian

Americans in Tokyo. Since services began the first Sunday in October there has been an average attendance of 75 and an average monthly offering of \$500. The church is expecting to raise \$50,000 for property by July 1. This property will be brought in the name of the Japan Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries

on the field), and the church has voted that if at any time the English speaking church should be discontinued the property will be used by the Foreign Mission Board at its discretion. This decision will be written into the by-laws of the church constitution. The church expects to work closely with the Foreign Mission Board and its program in Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. (Dub) Jackson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries, have been leading in the organization of the church and Mr. Jackson will serve as pastor until July 1. Mr. Jackson's address is: 380 2-Chome, Mishuku Machi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Union Licenses Preacher

Elton Curtis Tucker was recently licensed for the gospel ministry by Union Church of Scott Association.

Mr. Tucker has been deacon since 1948 and has been active in all church activities. He plans to enter Clarke College this fall.

Rev. W. L. Strong of Clarke

On The Curse Of Ham

By GUY H. RANSOM

Perhaps the passage of Scripture most frequently used in support of segregation is Genesis 9 and 10. For generations the supporters first of slavery and then of segregation in the United States have maintained the following:

First, they have said that Ham was cursed by God so that he and his descendants were to be the servants of other peoples forever. Second, they have maintained that the Negro race is descended from Ham and as such it was marked by a striking-color and was intended to be segregated and held in an inferior position.

Third, they have contended that the white people of the United States were therefore obligated as believers of the Bible and the servants of God to segregate Negroes and keep them in a subordinate position. They are now saying that the Supreme Court ruling requiring integration of Negroes in public education is contrary to the Bible and that Christians therefore are obligated to obey the Bible rather than the Supreme Court.

See What It Says

Perhaps it would be well if we would read carefully the ninth and tenth chapters of Genesis to see exactly what they do say. Genesis 9:18-19 tell us that "The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan."

These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled." Verses 20 to 27 of the same chapter tell us that Ham looked upon Noah's nakedness while the latter was drunk and for this act Ham's

son, Canaan, was cursed by Noah. The curse was that Canaan should be a slave to his brothers, and to Shem and Japheth.

Genesis 10 gives us the genealogy of the sons of Noah. In verses 6 to 20 we have the genealogy of Ham. He had four sons, Canaan being the one who was cursed. Canaan's genealogy is given in verses 15 to 20. From him came the peoples who possessed the land of Canaan of Palestine. They were the Jebusites, Amorites, Hivites, and others who were later replaced in the land of Canaan by Abraham and his descendants.

Ham Not Cursed

What actually is said in these two chapters about a curse and its consequences? First, it was Canaan, not Ham, who was cursed. Second, it was Noah, not God, who pronounced the curse. Third, Canaan was condemned to be a servant of his brothers. Nothing is said about his descendants being servants forever.

Fourth, Canaan's descendants were not Negroes but those people who dwelt in the land of Canaan and who were replaced when the land was given to Abraham and the Hebrew nation. Fifth, there is no indication that Noah's curse was ratified by God, because there is no evidence that either Canaan became a slave of his brothers or the Canaanites became slaves of other peoples.

There seems to be one conclusion to which we are drawn by a careful examination of Genesis 9-10 in its relation to segregation. This is that it gives no support whatever to those who wish to use it as a support for segregation.

THE TELL-TALE SNOW—(Religious News Service Photo).

Graham In Challenge

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham challenged 3,000 college students attending a conference here to use their "tremendous influence" to combat a "surge of pessimism" among world leaders.

"It is time for a great movement to be started on the campuses of the world that is so much in need of Christ but can't wait on older leaders," the evangelist told delegates from the U. S. and Canada to the Fifth International Student Missionary Convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Also attending were 175 foreign students.

The five-day convention, held on the campus of the University of Illinois, concluded as the delegates rose to proclaim they were "ready to follow God at any cost," and with the dedication of 100 of them to become missionaries.

Speaking in the university gymnasium, Mr. Graham told the students: "You can have a tremendous influence—give it all to Christ. It can sweep from one end of the world to the other with a great impact on the world."

TEXAS BAPTISTS ADULTS WORSHIP OFTEN - POLL

DALLAS (BP)—More Texas Baptists adults worship in their churches than any other denomination in the state, according to a survey by the Texas Poll.

Director Joe Bolden reports that the Baptist share of adult worshippers is 35 per cent. Next is Catholic with 19 per cent. Other percentages are Methodist, 17; Church of Christ, 5; Lutheran, 4; Christian, 4; and Presbyterian, 3.

The survey is based on 1,000 personal interviews with a representative cross-section of the adult Texas population. Bolden said it is probably the first of its kind to be conducted in the state.

The Poll shows 45 per cent of Texans attending church weekly with about 95 per cent attending

ing church at some time or another.

Baptists also top other denominations in personal evangelism, the poll revealed. Forty-seven per cent of the persons interviewed said a minister had visited them during the last 12 months. Forty-eight per cent of those visited said the minister was a Baptist.

Forty-nine per cent of all visits by laymen were made by Baptist laymen.

In stewardship, the poll showed that Baptist members "are more inclined than any other denomination to suggest a family should tithe."

Other results of the poll included:

The most significant differences in attendance habits are that women go to church more frequently than men, and the upper economic levels go more

Names In The News

Dr. D. C. Applegate, pastor at First Church, Starkville, will be the speaker for the Sweetheart Banquet at First Church, Grenada, February 13.

Rev. G. W. Pitts has resigned the pastorate of Thomas Church, Birmingham, Alabama, where he has served for the past three and a quarter years. He is now residing at Route 1, Sulligent, Alabama.

Miss June Earnest of Tupelo has accepted a position as organist and secretary at First Church, Gulfport, Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor.

Miss Gladys Keith of Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans, will teach the mission study book, Look, Look, the Cities, by Albert McClellan, at First Church, Gulfport, on February 6.

Dr. Kearnie Keegan, head of the Student Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker at the Valentine Banquet on February 14 at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. He will also sing at the banquet.

Dr. Harry Lee Sparger, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, has been appointed to represent Baylor University at the inauguration of Dr. R. A. McLeMore as President of Mississippi College on March 16.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. F. Evans, Jackson; John M. Read, Mississippi College; Mrs. A. B. Kelly, Jr. and Sue Tatum, Yazoo City; M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst; and the Rev. Paul E. Engle, Jackson, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

Dr. W. T. Waring, Brookhaven; Mrs. D. C. Williams, Summit; W. M. Averett, Rich-ton; Joanna Fuller, Jackson; Rev. Volle Scott, Eupora; Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, Jackson; Mrs. A. F. Tullos, Clinton; Mrs. James Taylor, Clinton; and Freddie Bean, Jackson, were among recent visitors in the Baptist Building.

frequently than the lower levels.



Dr. John Edmund Haggai

To Lead Revival At Northside

John Edmund Haggai will lead in revival services at Northside Church, Jackson, February 2-February 9. Monday through Friday the morning service will begin at 7:00 a. m. The evening services will begin sharply at 7:30 p. m. with special music planned for each night.

The singing will be led by Bill Souther, Director of Music and Education at First Church, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Haggai was born in Louisville, Kentucky while his father attended Southern Seminary. The young preacher has held pastorates in South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. He also has conducted evangelistic meetings from Massachusetts to Texas and from Minnesota to Georgia as well as the western States.

While at Furman University he won the Beecham Medal for oratory.

His last pastorate before entering full-time evangelistic work was at the Ninth and O Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. William Henry Crouch is pastor at Northside.

Corinth To Build New Church

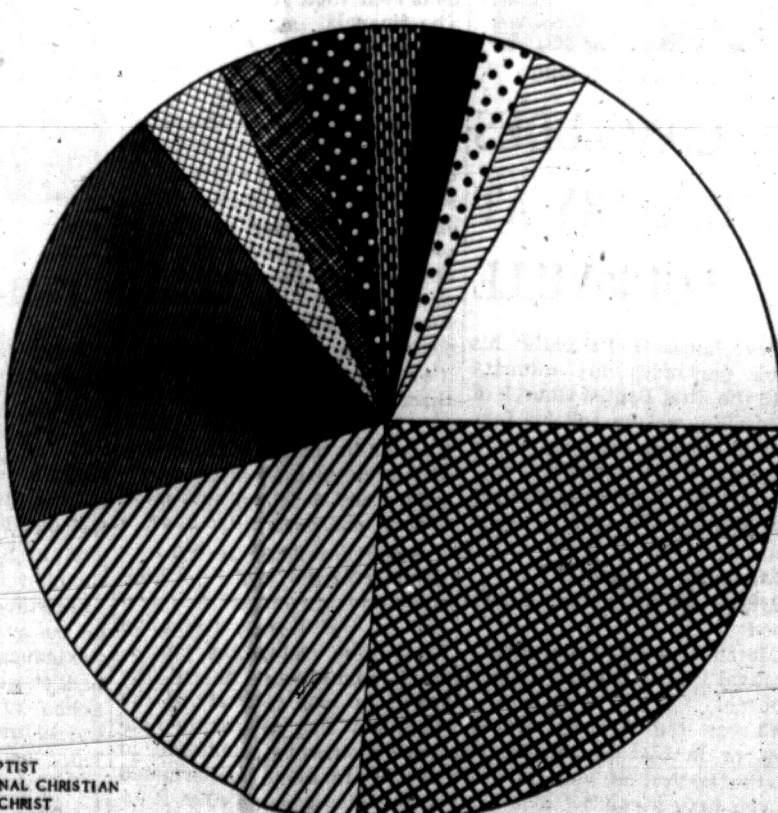
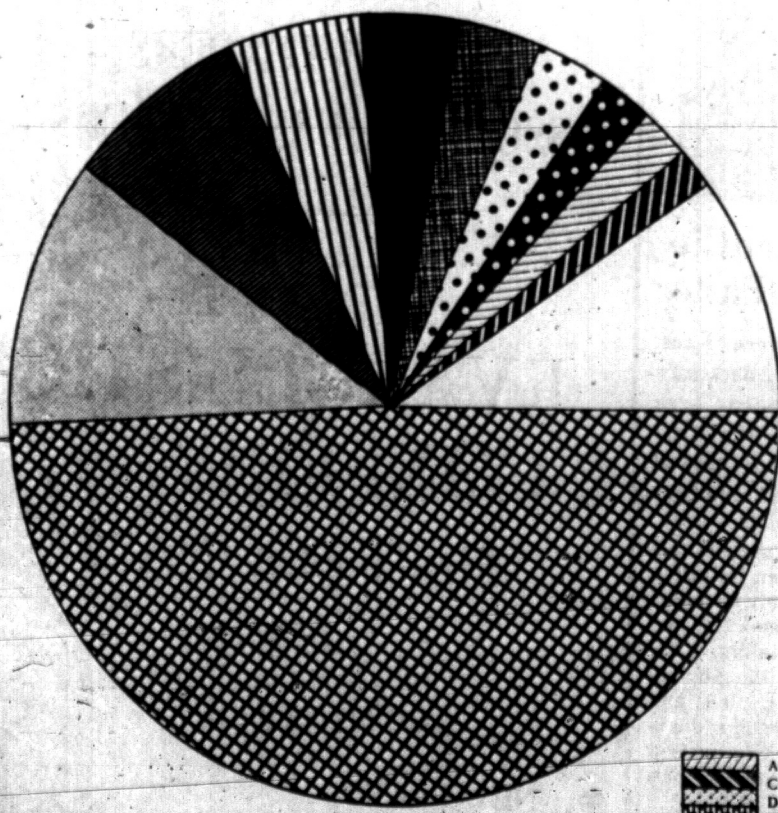
Members of the Corinth Church in Jasper County are enlisting the support of their friends for their work in putting up a new church building.

Rev. H. P. McDonald, Heidelberg, is the pastor.

THE TEN LARGEST RELIGIOUS GROUPS BY REPORTED CHURCH MEMBERS IN STANDARD METROPOLITAN AREAS AND IN NON-METROPOLITAN AREAS

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MOST PROTESTANTS LIVE IN RURAL AREAS—Columbus, O.—These charts illustrate the results of a study which showed that the majority of Protestant church members live in rural areas. The church distribution

survey disclosed that Roman Catholics and Jews have most of their members in large cities while 45.7 per cent of all Protestants live in cities. The largest sections in both circles of photo represent Catholic church members.—(Religious News Service Photo).

J. M. Dawson Discusses Denomination's Future

WASHINGTON, (BP) — J. M. Dawson, veteran minister and noted Baptist author and denominational leader, discusses the future of Southern Baptists in the Jan. 20 issue of Christianity Today magazine.

What is the future of Southern Baptists? "Assuredly it is not extinction," according to Dawson. He said the "direct potential threat to the future of Southern Baptists' ongoing is internal unity."

Dawson was the first execu-

tive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington. He is presently a vice-president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Dawson's further interest in religious liberty may be noted by the fact that two years ago Broadman Press published his book, "Baptists and the American Republic," in which he reviews Baptists in their church-state relations.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANNING FOR 1958

If the following things were not done in October, it is not too late to—

1. Enlist and train a full corps of officers.
2. Brotherhood president confer with the pastor regarding the 1958 church efforts and how the Brotherhood can best serve.
3. Have a Planning Meeting of officers to plan programs and activities for 1958.
 - (a) Select monthly emphases
 - (b) Determine needed committees
 - (c) Name committee chairmen and set up committees.
4. Present proposed plans to the Brotherhood.
5. Schedule monthly meetings of Executive Committee (officers and committee chairmen) to—
 - (a) Follow through on plans
 - (b) Watch progress
 - (c) Revise plans as needed
 - (d) Pray about the work
 - (e) Work at the jobs

SUGGESTED THEMES

January — Bible Study
February — Evangelism
March — Home Missions
April — Christian Education
May — Christian Homes
June — Camping Programs
July — Recreation
August — Family Fellowship
September — State Missions
October — Stewardship
November — Royal Ambassadors
December — Foreign Missions

THANKS TO PASTORS!

Our pastors have meant so much to Brotherhood men in

their planning and work that we feel constrained to express a word of deep and grateful appreciation to them. It is our earnest desire to work right along with the pastors in everything they desire to accomplish for the good of the whole church.

IF ATTENDANCE IS LOW

Could it be that the Membership Vice-President is not using several approaches to reaching men? Mere announcement of a meeting is not enough. It takes that, plus letters, cards, well planned attractive programs, large participation, plus personal contacts. Every man church member should be in Brotherhood at least once, even though brought by car, truck or ambulance.

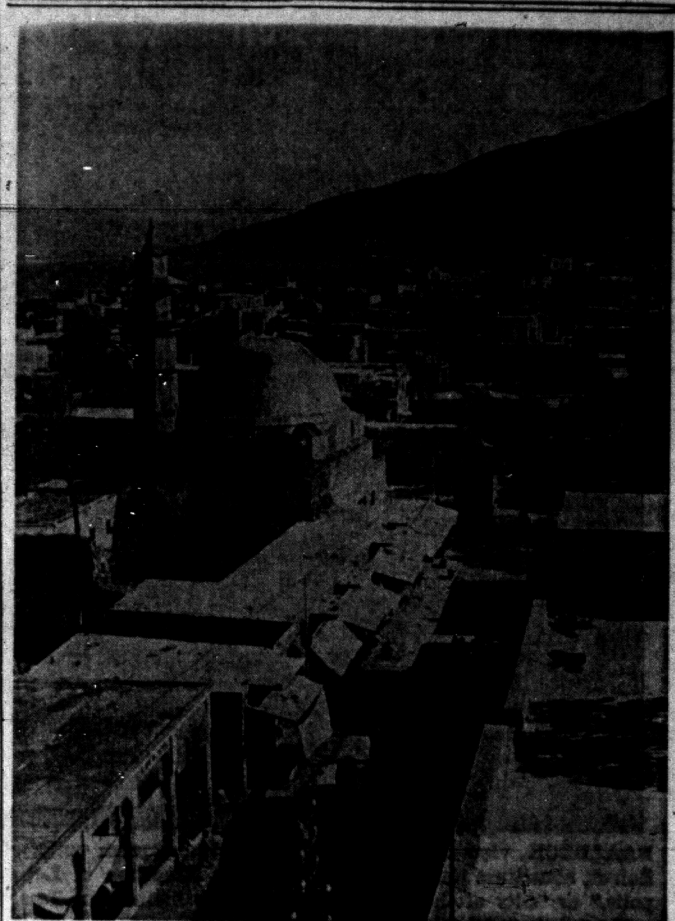
BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL & AMBASSADOR LIFE MAGAZINE

These periodicals are available only from the publisher, which is the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee. The JOURNAL costs 25c per quarter, and AMBASSADOR LIFE costs \$1.50 year. When ordering them indicate number needed, to whom they should be sent, and it helps to send remittance with order. In the case of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL it is possible to place a standing order for a certain number each issue and they will be sent each quarter, with statement to the church. Both magazines are essential in doing the best work.

Sunday School And Training Union Attendance

Aberdeen, First	366	102
Amory, First	458	97
Antioch (Rankin)	47	30
Batesville, First	504	218
Brookhaven, First	923	383
Main	786	311
Southway	92	43
Halbert Heights	45	29
Belden	125	78
Bethlehem (Jones)	154	101
Biloxi, Emmanuel	269	90
Booneville, First	338	108
Bruce, First	327	76
Calhoun City, First	337	146
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	635	221
Cleveland, First	531	185
Main	482	
Chinese Mission	49	
Clinton	399	214
Clinton Mission	62	37
Charleston, First	340	104
Collins	183	114
Columbia, First	600	176
Columbus, First	1,004	321
Main	839	238
Fairview	165	83
Corinth, Tate St.	289	129
Crystal Springs, First	618	191
Center Hill (Desoto)	51	
Duck Hill	120	54
Enon (Panola)	114	75
Fellowship (Choctaw)	93	43
Fulton, Trinity	128	64
Furrs (Pontotoc)	104	51
Greenville, First	1,042	376
Main	974	
Chinese Mission	68	
Greenville, Parkway	335	120
Gulfport, First	890	300
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	220	130
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1,022	473
Main	990	
North Main Mission	9	
Calvary Mission	3	
Hattiesburg, First	654	256
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	244	123
Houston, First	364	168
Jackson:		
Alta Woods	628	256
First	1,413	392
Parkway	1,018	510
Daniel Mem.	1,017	432
Brandon	355	165
Crestwood	597	314
Hillcrest	396	229
Alta Vista	46	42
Byram	261	149
Northside	701	225
Calvary	1,547	533
Main	1,497	501
Mission	50	32
Highland	172	83
Broadmoor	526	210
Ridgecrest	542	243
Oak Forrest	282	148
Midway	288	105
West Jackson	416	195
Southside	256	158
Kosciusko, First	677	153
Main	645	
Maple Mission	32	
Lambert, First	176	95
Main	158	69
Clear Creek Miss.	18	26
Laurel, First	589	156
Laurel, Plainway	97	70
Laurel, Wildwood	343	131
Laurel, South	118	51
Lucedale	369	127
Longview (Oktibbeha)	83	50
McComb, Central	225	65
McComb, Locust St.	105	38
Macedonia (Lincoln)	228	98
Mendenhall	323	143
Meridian:		
First	869	215
State Boulevard	439	142
Eighth Avenue	195	74
Fifteenth Ave.	600	250
Emmanuel	101	63
Poplar Springs Dr.	452	135
(South Side)	475	183
(Fulton Ave. Miss.)	21	28
Forty-first Ave.	375	135
Key Field	133	75
Highland	623	247
Morton, East Side	90	98
Morton, First	242	95
Moselle	164	61
Murphy Crk (Winston)	133	83
Natchez, First	658	315
Neshoba	93	70
New Albany, First	724	253
Main	662	214
Northside Mission	62	39
Newton, First	486	204
Olive Branch	155	76
Pascagoula, First	800	251
Main	725	228
McArthur Chapel	59	23
East Washington		
Ave. Chapel	16	
Pearl	253	122
Petal, Crestview	42	34
Petal, First	155	86
Petal-Harvey	370	178
Main	330	137
Harvey Mission	40	41
Petal, Temple	214	70
Picayune, First	606	138
Main	592	
Mission	14	
Plymouth (Lowndes)	146	90
Potts Camp	99	44
Purvis, First	229	78
Raworth (Scott)	52	55
Ripley, First	279	104
Ruleville	293	127
Ruth	61	63
Sosof First	152	92
Starkville, First	763	341
Sunflower	97	35
Tupelo, First	351	204
Tupelo, Harrisburg	588	204
Union, First	373	168
West End (Winston)	77	55

Four men have been ordained to the ministry by the church during this time, and several deacons have been elected.



TIBERIAS—On the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, this picturesque old city was originally built about 21 A. D. by Herod Antipas and was named after the Roman Emperor Tiberius (42 BC-39 AD). Tiberias is one of four sacred cities of the Jews—the others being Jerusalem, Hebron and Safad. It was in Tiberias that the Jewish Mishnah was completed about 200 AD and the Jerusalem Talmud about 200 years later.—(RNS Photo).



Dr. James H. Wright, Jr.

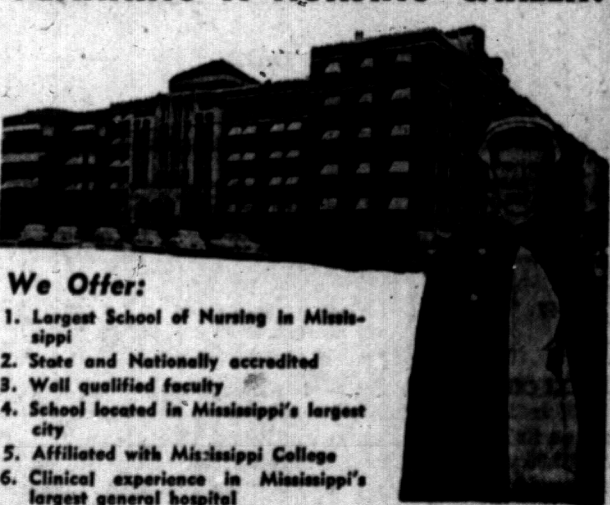
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Rev. Daniel K. Sullivan, pastor of the First Church, Aberdeen, is shown in the home of Training Union Director and Mrs. Don Brasfield where the group had just enjoyed the dessert course of a progressive supper. The other courses of the meal were served in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tolar. Cohen Robertson is president of this Union.



ABERDEEN GROUP ENJOYS PROGRESSIVE SUPPER—The Young Adult Training Union of First Church, Aberdeen, are shown in the home of Training Union Director and Mrs. Don Brasfield where the group had just enjoyed the dessert course of a progressive supper. The other courses of the meal were served in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tolar. Cohen Robertson is president of this Union.

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Dr. Leavell In Hospital

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is in the Baptist Hospital as a result of a slight cerebral thrombosis suffered Sunday, January 19. He is not in critical condition and a speedy recovery is anticipated.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, which was scheduled for next week, will now meet at a later date. The local members of the Board will meet and adjourn at the specified time next week and reconvene at some later time.

PROGRAM THEME

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—Departmental Conferences
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(See this space in last week's issue for complete program)

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If You Are A Poor Teacher—Stop, Look, Listen and Learn

NY Less Protestant

The least Protestant of 20 major metropolitan centers in the U. S. is, according to a church distribution study being made by the National Council of Churches, the great New York area. The survey shows that 10.7 per cent of the population is Protestant, 34 per cent Roman Catholic and 21.1 per cent Jewish. Almost 35 per cent is regarded as affiliated with no place of worship. The figures are considered to be slightly inaccurate since it was impossible for predominantly Negro denominations to produce proper membership statistics in the form desired by the survey.

Of the 20 largest metropolitan centers, according to the study, only six showed more Protestants than Roman Catholics. These were Washington, Des Moines, Louisville, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Columbus and Seattle.

The preponderantly Roman Catholic centers in addition to New York were shown to be Buffalo, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Detroit, Dayton, San Francisco, St. Louis, Baltimore and Los Angeles. Except for New York, Jewish percentages were far below the two other faiths.

According to the survey, Protestantism in the United States can be considered 45.7 per cent metropolitan (areas including cities of over 50,000 population.)

The most metropolitan of the various Protestant denominations were listed as Protestant Episcopal, 72.8 per cent, United Lutheran, 66 per cent, Presbyterian U. S. A., 62.1 per cent and the United Church of Christ 59.3 per cent.

Southern Baptists were singled out as the least metropolitan with 30.4 per cent.

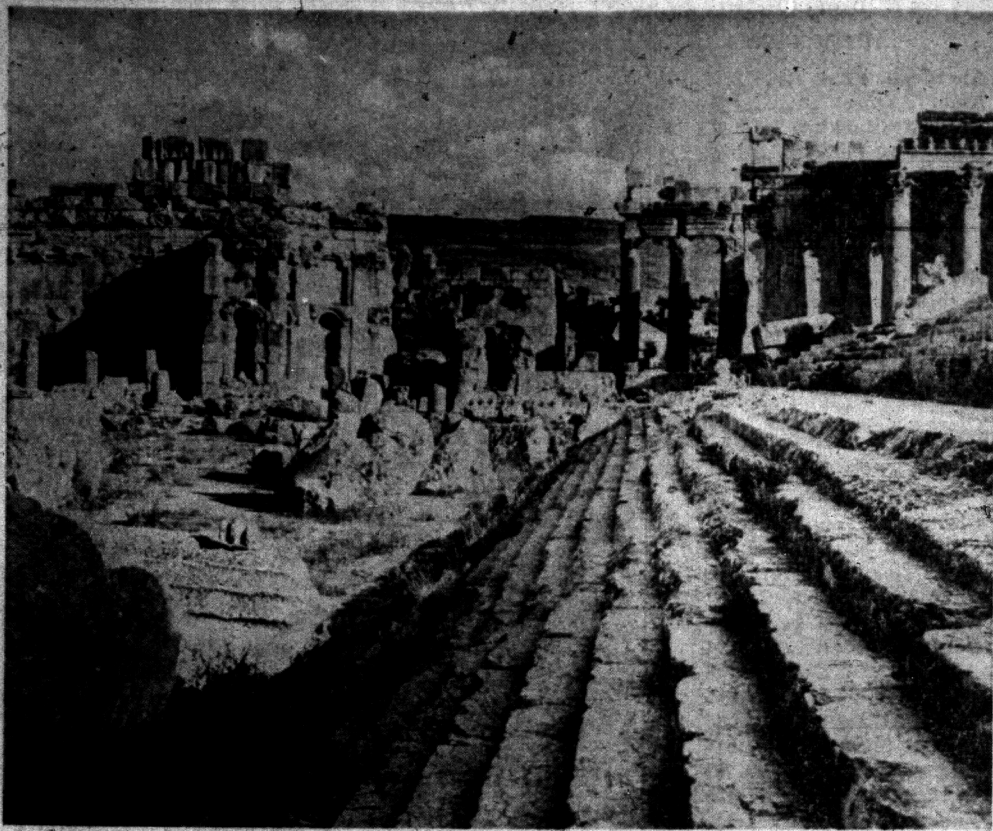
Bobitt Resigns At Mt. Zion

Rev. Detroy Bobitt, who for the past seven years has been pastor of Mt. Zion Church near Columbus in Lowndes County, recently resigned to accept the pastorate of the Smithville Church in Monroe County.

During his ministry at Mt. Zion there have been 238 additions to the church, 134 for baptism. The Sunday School attendance has more than doubled and the Training Union and Prayer Meeting attendance have both shown a marked increase.

Gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased from \$25 into 1950 to over \$375 in 1957. Designated gifts have increased in like manner. Part of the time the church supported a missionary couple in Spain.

A pastor's home was built, as well as two annexes to the church, one of Sunday School rooms and recreation room with kitchen, and the other a baptistry, choir and rest rooms.



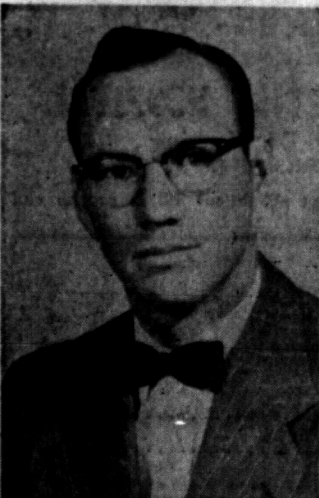
BAALBECK, view of the Amphitheater. The Roman ruins of Baalbeck, 53 miles northeast of Beirut, constitute the most popular tourist attraction in Lebanon. Originally known as "Heliopolis," or "City of the Sun," the antiquities include the Temples of Jupiter, Bacchus and Venus. —(Arab Information Center Photo).



BSU COUNCIL OFFICERS—Members of the Baptist Student Union Council at the Baptist Hospital are shown here. (left to right, seated) Gloria Yonce, Hattiesburg; Gloria Ellis, Clarksdale; Joy Cutler, president, Natchez; and Miss Katherine Bearden, McComb, BSU director at the hospital. (standing, left to right) Margaret Weems, Belzoni; Jo Ann Saucier, Picayune; Mrs. Ann Breazeale, Jackson, faculty advisor; Jamie Richards, Yazoo City; Patty Hendry, Gulfport; Jeanette Stenson, Tylertown; Ann Bishop, Vicksburg; Allyne Johnson, Tylertown; Janet Sullivan, Tylertown; and Barbara Boothe, Jackson. —(Photo by Patrick Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News)

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12-5-57		Payment of balance on old account which was settled in part 5-29-56	\$ 598.35
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BILLOXI CHURCH PAYS UP—Nashville, Tenn. (BSSB)—This photostatic copy of a check for \$598.35 indicates payment of a balance on an account which the Sunday School Board had carried on its books for a church in Biloxi, Miss., since 1936. On May 29, 1936, the unpaid balance of \$698.35 was settled for \$100. The pastor of the church wrote Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, "We feel that a moral obligation for this account has continued to exist, and now that the church is in a position to do something about it we want to pay the full amount of the bill."



Rev. Versie Johnson

Wayside Calls New Pastor

Rev. Versie Johnson has accepted the pastorate of the Wayside Church in Yalobusha County. A graduate of Clarke College and now a junior at Mississippi College, Mr. Johnson has been pastor of the Bethesda Church in Jefferson County and the Rocky Hill Church in

Stewardship Expansion Conferences

The Sophia Sutton Begley Memorial Auditorium will be dedicated on Wednesday, February 19 at Prentiss on the opening date of the fourth series of Stewardship and Expansion Conferences for Negro Baptists. Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Exec. Secretary of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will bring the message at the 9:30 preparatory service; Dr. Courts Redford, Exec. Secretary of the Home Mission Board, will speak at the 1:30 dedicatory service. Dr. W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record, will lead the prayer of dedication. Speakers for the 7:00 p. m. Leadership Conference will be Kermit King, State Training Union Secretary

Copiah County.

Natives of Bogie Chitto, Rev. and Mrs. Johnson have two girls: Linda, 9, and Kay, 6.

and Dr. J. L. Reddix, President of Jackson State College. Professor A. J. Dillon will direct the special music.

The Thursday worship session, 10:00 a. m.-1:00 p. m., will also be held at Sophia Sutton Begley Auditorium, with Dr. Redford as the featured speaker. There will be no Thursday night session.

On Friday, February 21, the Conferences will be held at 7:00 p. m. (no afternoon session) at Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson. "Seminary Night" speakers will be Dr. L. S. Sorrel (pastor of the Pearl Grove Baptist Church, President of the Progressive Convention, and Trustee of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary) and Dr. Courts Redford.

All Centers are urged to have representation at the Conferences, especially Wednesday and Friday nights.

The Conferences are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Department of Work with Negroes, Dr. W. P. Davis, Secretary. Directed by Dr. Wm. A. Keel, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, the Conferences have as their purpose "to challenge ourselves to execute the

DEVOTIONAL

God Is Light

By L. GORDON SANSING

"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." I John 1:5
My father was a man who was good to us, and who wanted us to do what he said. When he told us to do something he meant for it to be done. When he said not to do a thing he meant just that, and if we failed to obey we were sure to suffer the consequence of that disobedience, if he knew it; and he seemed to have ways of finding out everything, of knowing the unknowable. What we needed he provided even if it was punishment for misdeeds. Knowing this about our father had a great deal to do with the way we lived. In like manner, our knowledge of and beliefs about God will have a great influence on the way we live.

It is my studied opinion that there is a very definite connection between my concept of God and my life. This being true, it is imperative that we put forth a greater effort to give a correct concept of God to the world.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. We come to know Him through Christ. If we have a misconception of Christ it means that we are wrong about God.

Increased Our Efforts

In a world where man has now developed the potential of obliterating himself from the face of the earth, we must increase our efforts to make known to the world God's Plan of Salvation in Jesus Christ.

Thomas D. Murphy said, "Rekindle the flame of Christianity in the West and the darkness of Communism will disappear in the East. It is the darkness in America that is making the Red flame shine so brightly."

Ernest V. Hollis, Chief of College Administration, U. S. Office of Education said, "We must develop the moral qualities to control automation and the atom and for living with the Russians or our epitaph is written. A tear for the world, a cosmic errand, started with Adam, and ended with Atom."

The correct concept of God comes primarily through Bible study and prayer and a personal experience with Jesus Christ. Through personal witnessing, prayer and missions we can help to get that concept to the world. Where we cannot go personally, we can go through others as we make it possible for them to go.

Your gift can become "coined personality" to represent you. Every Christian is responsible.

CONTEST JUDGES ANNOUNCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB)

Judges in a student writers'

contest, sponsored by the Baptist Student, a Christian collegiate magazine published by the student department, Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville, have been announced by Dr. G. Kearlie Keegan, department secretary.

Judges are Dr. Ivar Lou Myhr Duncan, chairman, division of language and literature, Belmont College, Nashville; Welton Payne, county reporter, Nashville Banner, and from the Sunday School Board, Ellis M. Bush, editor of young people's Sunday school lesson courses.

Dr. Raymond M. Rigdon, editor in chief, Training Union lesson courses, and James Yarborough, copy chief, advertising department.

Judging will be based on originality; skill in writing techniques; content depth and insight; organization and development of ideas; interest and readability.

Deadline for submitting entries is March 25, 1958. Winners will be announced through the press and in the Baptist Student.

Awards are \$75 (first); \$50 (second); \$25 (third); and 10 two-year subscriptions to the Baptist Student.

THE NEEDLE'S EYE—"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."—Matt. 19:24. Photo shows a camel's head entering a smaller door within a larger door, known in the Holy Land as a "needle's eye." Biblical scholars interpret Christ's reference to "the eye of a needle" in above quotation to mean this smaller door within a larger one.—(Religious News Service Photo).

MADRAS, India (RNS)—Mrs. Tara Cheriai, a Christian, has been elected mayor of Madras. This is the first time in the city's history that a woman has been chosen for the office.

Pastor's Mother Dies In Laurel

Mrs. W. P. (Pat) Valentine, 89, mother of Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson, died Thursday, January 23, at her home in Laurel, following at lengthy illness.

Services were held Friday afternoon at the West Laurel Baptist Church with Rev. W. E. Hellen and Rev. M. H. Hansford officiating.

Born in Brandon, Mrs. Valentine moved to Laurel when the city was a small village. She was the widow of the late W. P. Valentine, who died in 1933. A member of the Springhill Baptist Church, she is survived by two daughters and six sons.

THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

— THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Christian's Privileges Seen

For February 2.

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

PRIVILEGES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Bible Texts: I Peter 2:1, 10; II Corinthians 2:6; Gal. 6:15; Heb. 4:14-16; 10:23-25.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S, THE CHURCH MEMBER'S, EXALTED POSITION. We hear much said, and very much of it quite rightly said, concerning nobility of family, purity and high quality of blood. The Hebrews had a title as the chosen of God, that title was rightfully theirs. The Almighty had said to them, "You have I known of all the people of the earth." But the Hebrews proved unworthy of that title, misinterpreted it to mean that they were God's People to do as they pleased instead of as He pleased.

So the Grace of God goes about making God another people to be His possession. His royal priesthood to the world. So the Grace of God goes about making God another people to be His possession. His royal priesthood to the world. Every religion in the world has an indigenous people, and had that people from its beginning, except Christianity. But that religion went about making it a people, and of what did it make them?

Of every kind of people in the world, so long as they were just alike. And what is required to make two people just alike, or two hundred, two thousand, or two hundred million? That individually, severally, they be sinners, convicted, contrite, repentant, sinners saved by grace through faith, plus nothing. Every such person is a spiritual

supreme task of Christians today which is to carry the message of the incarnate, crucified and risen Lord to the ends of the earth.

The theme of the Conferences is "The glory and glow of Christians wholly dedicated to Christ."

born child of the living God, the highest born of all the thronging dons of the earth.

And every such member of the Royal Family is also a member of the Royal Priesthood, a citizen of the Holy Nation, and as such, again, he has his priestly function to perform, and that to make sacrifices of prayer, intercession, to find God full of mercy toward the repentant, and to tell lost men and women so. To find men and lead them to the Lord, and in the joyous employment of the Lord by glad great gladness and exceeding joy. "Aforetime" these Christians, "were not a people, but are now a people of God."

II. THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT OF HELPFULNESS. This is the spirit that should move the Christian: The brother or the cause which lacks assistance, assist him or it asking only the question, "Can I by service or by my gift help this man or this measure to the advantage of my Christ?" "God loveth a cheerful giver," the giver who gives hilariously, joyfully, rejoicing to see the work of the Lord to prosper and be fruitful of joy in the life of another of Christ's.

III. THE CHURCH MEMBER AS A SPIRITUAL SURGEON.

"If any man be overtaken in a fault." If a fault leap unexpectedly upon any man and suddenly overpower him, or even if any man yield to temptation and it be found out on him, what then? He is a man of like passions with you. How long since you committed a fault. Don't lie about it, now! Or even if you think you have not recently committed a fault or trespass, Brother John tagged you when he said, "He deceiveth himself." But in a case where a brother has been overtaken, "Ye who are spiritual restore such a one." Mark the Paul says "Ye that are spiritual," spiritual, did you notice? You do not need the butcher, the baker, and the candle-stick-maker, not just anybody, but you need a surgeon in this case,

somebody with skill. Let the best balanced man or woman among you go.

IV. THE CHURCH MEMBER AS BURDEN-BEARERS.

1. "Bear ye one another's burdens" and so fulfill the law" of the Christ who gave us the example of the greatest bearer of burdens the world has ever seen. He who gives a troubled heart some of his courage and takes some of the troubled one's trouble, who shares his courage with the discouraged, partakes of the work of Christ.

2. "Every man shall bear his own burden." No contradiction of inharmonious there. Today you may share another's burden; tomorrow your neighbor may still need your assistance while some sudden trial may overwhelm you under a flood of trouble in which you shall be called to struggle heroically to keep your head high while you assist with one free arm your drowning companion. Of course you and I are to bear our own burden as long as we can in our own strength and by the help of the Lord, with as little trouble to the neighbors as possible, though there is a most excellent way, pointed out by Father David in the words, "Cast your burden upon the Lord." There is a burden bearer strong enough to carry all burdens.

V. WHERE THE CHURCH MEMBER GOES ON SUNDAY.

"Let us consider one another to provide one another to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another." Assembling ourselves at the church, of course. There where we meet as the bell invites us, or the hour. Where we meet to sing the praise of the Lord, until we become conscious of his gracious presence, to pray till heaven comes down our souls to meet.

(Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons, the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)

Off The Record

A blushing young woman handed the clerk a telegram form containing only a name, address, and the word Yes. "You know," said the clerk, "you can send ten words for the same price."

"I know," she said, "but wouldn't I look eager if I said it ten times?"

—The Link (Dec. '56).

Tears, idle tears — As they came out of the theater, the husband said to his wife, "I never can see why you snuffle at a movie over the imaginary troubles of a group of people you don't even know."

"It's exactly the same reason," replied his wife, "why you jump up and yell when a man you don't know slides into second base."

—The Far East (Mar. '56)

Friends of ours dropped into the record department of a downtown department store and asked if they had "any albums of Johann Strauss." The clerk, a doll, wrinkled her pretty forehead for a moment in deep thought. Then asked, "Could you tell me what band he sings with?" — Milwaukee Journal

Mrs. Calhoun was slightly obese. One day her cleaning lady, inclined to be overly intimate, asked, "Just how much do you weigh, Mrs. Calhoun?"

"I never get weighed, Nora. It is so much more refined to be able to say, 'I don't know,' than to say 'It's none of your business.'"

A camel is an animal that looks as though it had been put together by a committee.

Near the close of a rush day, a salesman called on a big business man. When he was admitted, the magnate said: "You ought to feel honored. During the day I have refused to see eleven men."

"I know," replied the salesman. "I'm them."